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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR
SUBJ: VISIT OF DR. BOURNE AND MS. FALCO

REF: (A) STATE 52702, (B) STATE 53159

1. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT DR. BOURNE AND MS. FALCO PLAN TO COME TO BURMA AND BELIEVE THEIR VISIT WILL BE VERY USEFUL. WE ALSO NOTE FROM PROPOSED AGENDA THAT MR. BENSINGER WILL ATTEND BANGKOK CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE HIS INVITATION THAT HE VISIT RANGOON. HE WOULD WELCOME INCLUSION OF MR. BENSINGER IN VISITING PARTY IF THIS IS POSSIBLE.

2. WITH REGARD TO TIMING, THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE END OF THE EA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE APRIL 15 AND THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE APRIL 18 DOES NOT ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR A VISIT, PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS IS BOTH A WEEKEND AND A PART OF THE BURMESE WATER FESTIVAL HOLIDAYS, WHEN ALL GUB OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND MOST OFFICIALS ARE UNAVAILABLE. WE ASSUME THAT DR. BOURNE IS NOT ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR A VISIT TO BURMA AFTER IT IS OVER. THEREFORE, THE ONLY FEASIBLE TIME APPEARS TO BE BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE EA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE.

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3. IF NO UP-COUNTRY TRAVEL IS DESIRED, WE SUGGEST THAT DR. BOURNE AND MS. FALCO ARRIVE IN RANGOON APRIL 10 AND DEPART FOR BANGKOK APRIL 13. THIS WOULD AFFORD SUFFICIENT TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH MISSION AND GUB OFFICIALS. INCLUSION OF AN UP-COUNTRY TRIP WOULD REQUIRE ARRIVAL HERE NO LATER THAN APRIL 9.

4. PPE BURMESE ARE LIKELY TO BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR PROVIDING TRANSPORT AIR-CRAFT. HOWEVER, WE KNOW OF NO OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUESTS THEY ARE LIKELY TO MAKE. WE WILL SOUND THEM OUT INFORMALLY ON THIS MATTER AND REPORT IF ANY ADDITIONAL NEEDS WE MIGHT BE ASKED TO MEET COME TO LIGHT.

5. FOR OUR PART, WE SUGGEST THAT WE RENEW OUR LONGSTANDING OFFER TO PROVIDE NARCOTICS-RELATED TRAINING (IF POSSIBLE UNDER UNFDAC AUSPICES), AND RE-AFFIRM OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH A POTENTIAL HERBICIDE PROGRAM (AGAI, IF POSSIBLE, UNDER UNFDAC AUSPICES).
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